

Riverside Renaissance approaching the finish line



The Riverside Renaissance is only months away from reaching its goal of completing 30 years' worth of public improvement projects in only five years. The City has invested \$1.5 billion in this unprecedented effort to take on a total of 397 projects — improvements to City streets, sewers, parks, railroad crossings and many more essential services that have touched every council ward in the City. Here are the current stats: 271 projects completed, 85 projects under construction, 5 projects out to bid, and 36 projects in the design phase.

Highlights of projects that have recently been completed include:

- **The Riverside Aquatics Complex** which includes an Olympic-sized competition pool and seven dive towers is now open and hosting competitions.

- The new 19,000-square-foot **Marcy Library** offers 35 public access computers, a dedicated children's area and a quiet study room.

- **Hunt Park/Renck Community Center** unveiled its new facility which includes an indoor gymnasium, game room, computer room, fitness room, class room and multi-purpose room. A new parking lot provides patrons with 150 spaces to support the center's activities.

The Renaissance is finishing strong with the following projects currently underway or coming soon:

- Construction has begun on the **Fox Entertainment Plaza**, a multi-purpose facility with a parking garage,

exhibit space, restaurant and retail space, and a black box theater.

- **The Metropolitan Museum** is getting some much-needed renovations to include roof repairs, structural seismic upgrades, building envelope and site improvements, and ADA improvements.

- The new 30,000-square-foot, three-story **Downtown Fire Station**, will have a small museum, office space for fire administration and a high-tech system to alert firefighters to calls.

- **The Municipal Auditorium** project includes replacing the existing roof, important seismic upgrades and interior improvements to the building.

- The construction of the **Magnolia Avenue Grade Separation** is underway and expected to be completed by fall 2011.

- **Hunter Park** development includes three lighted sports fields, additional on-site parking, a new children's playground, basketball courts, picnic facilities and preservation of the Live Steamer's miniature railroad.



- **Doty-Trust Park** construction is in full-swing and includes trail connections, lighted playgrounds, a basketball court, and lighted walking and jogging pathways. The neighborhood park will maintain 6.5 acres as natural open space.

- Street repairs at the **Van Buren Interchange** replace the existing bridge with a new six lane

structure, provide dual left turn lanes, and improve traffic flow for the east bound ramps.

- **The Five Points Street Widening** project realigns and improves the current intersection at La Sierra, Hole and Bushnell Avenues and Pierce Street, including widening La Sierra, Hole and Pierce and introducing dedicated turn lanes.

- **The Streeter Avenue Grade Separation** project begins soon and is expected to be completed by winter 2012.

- **Tequesquite Park** master plan has been approved which includes baseball fields, basketball courts, park trails and 350 parking spaces to be shared with Mount Rubidoux visitors.

- **Convention Center** will soon be under construction for a renovation and 22,000 square foot expansion.

It's been a busy five years in Riverside! As we race toward the finish line not only meeting but exceeding some pretty ambitious goals, take a moment to stop and look around your neighborhood. Our fair City has undergone a fast and furious facelift with improvements enhancing the quality of life for residents in all areas. And while the Riverside Renaissance is drawing to a close, the legacy of this initiative will carry on for years to come.

For more information about the City of Riverside, visit RiversideCa.gov.

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UCR medical school research building unveiled



University of California, Riverside, Medical School Research Building

In March, UC Riverside unveiled its medical school research building, the first concrete evidence of its planned medical school.

This \$36 million research facility houses four large shared-lab rooms as well as faculty offices. The three-story, 58,000-square-foot structure is also the smartest building on campus. Computer systems help minimize electric lighting and allow the lab to use one-third of the energy required for its cooling and circulation systems,

potentially qualifying it for a LEED silver certification.

The school anticipates admitting its first class of 50 students in fall 2012. And when it reaches full capacity, the medical school will be turning out as many as 250 interns and specialists per year.

The school plans to focus its education and training on the needs of the immediate community; therefore, it will teach its doctors principally in the out-patient setting. The training at UCR will emphasize preventative care and health education, recruit students locally, and encourage graduates to stay and practice in the Inland region.

It took many years of pushing and a cooperative effort involving university officials, community leaders, and state and federal officials for the UCR campus to successfully establish a medical school. And the timing of this school could not be better – it brings the community hope, jobs and much-needed medical attention during challenging economic times.

California Square is refreshed, renewed and revitalized



California Square Before



California Square After

The first phase of the California Square Shopping Center Revitalization project is nearing completion with a grand re-opening celebration scheduled for June.

The revitalization project has been a multi-year effort undertaken by the Redevelopment Agency and California Square Partners, owners of the Maxi Foods Market. Previously, the shopping center had become rundown and a blight on the surrounding neighborhood due to lack of investment by the previous property owners.

Phase I of the revitalization

project consists of the construction of a 2,500-square-foot addition to the northern end of the existing Maxi Foods Market, which includes Dairy Queen, Little Caesar's, a nail salon and a yet to be announced tenant. Additional revitalization activities include exterior renovations to the Maxi Foods store, parking lot improvements and landscaping along both Monroe Street and California Avenue, which are scheduled for completion in the next few months.

The next phase of the revitalization project will include

the future construction of a mixed-use residential/retail building and related improvements on the southern portion of the site to further compliment the new, revitalized shopping center.

California Square is located in the City's Arlington Redevelopment Project Area and is one of several redevelopment projects breathing new life into the area.

For more information on California Square or other redevelopment projects, contact the Development Department at 826-5649 or visit Riversideca.gov/Redev.



Programming for GTV now available online

Government TV (GTV) is catching on with city viewers as a source of information and entertainment about Riverside. Enthusiastic viewers are tuning in daily to shows such as "Riverside Today," "Historic Destinations" and "Active Riverside" in addition to the live broadcasts of city council meetings.

A seven-day programming schedule is now available on the GTV Web site at WatchRiverside.com. The site also contains archive shows and a streaming video of what's currently playing on GTV.

"They've added so much to the programming on the channel; it's natural that people would want to tune in to their favorite shows," said Judy Cunningham, executor director of Culinary Salon Riverside, who lists the "Flavor of Riverside" cooking show as one of her favorites. "The schedule online makes it easy to see what's showing for the coming week."



The schedule can also be reached online via a link on the City's home page (RiversideCa.gov). Go to "Riverside Government Television" under the "Quick Links" heading. GTV is found on Channel 3 on Charter cable TV, Channel 21 on Verizon cable and Channel 99 on AT&T.

A licensed pet is a happy pet

With the end of school near and spring cleaning to tackle, one minor task can easily be forgotten amongst all of the hubbub – renewing dog licenses. In Riverside, all dogs four months or older must have a license and microchip.

You might ask yourself, why do I need to license and microchip my dog? The simplest answer is that this is a requirement of the Riverside Municipal Code, but it goes much deeper than just meeting a legal requirement. Licensing and microchipping a pet may not seem important, but in fact, it is one of the most important actions a pet owner can take. For example:

- In order to purchase a license your dog must have a current rabies vaccination. Rabies is easily prevented with a simple vaccination and if your pet bites someone, he/she may be eligible for home quarantine instead of facility quarantine.
- A license shows that your pet is not a homeless stray.
- If your pet escapes or becomes lost, you have a better chance of being reunited.
- If your pet is impounded at the Riverside County Animal Shelter, your dog will be held longer while they exhaust every option to reach you.

Obtaining a license is easy and can be done online, by visiting the 4th Floor of City Hall (3900 Main Street) or at the Riverside County Animal Shelter. You can also microchip your dog at your local veterinarian office or at the County Shelter.

For more information, please visit
RiversideCa.gov/pworks/animal-control.asp

Coming Spring 2011

May 13	Bob James with the Corona Symphony Pops Orchestra	Jun 12	"Weird Al" Yankovic
May 14	Riverside County Philharmonic: Stars of the Philharmonic	Jun 18	Faith Evans with Special Guest Avant
May 20-22	Broadway Series: Burn The Floor	Jun 26	Brian Regan
Jun 3	Country Rock Legends: Firefall, POCO, Pure Prairie League	Aug 3	Peter Frampton



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THE GREEN PAGE

Save water today for tomorrow

Winter rain and snow storms may have filled California reservoirs and led the governor to declare that the state's most recent drought is over, however, that doesn't mean we can all start using (and wasting) as much water as we want to.

Water is still too precious a resource for that. That is why using water wisely now - through good conservation habits and making our homes and businesses more water efficient - is so important.

Riverside is a great place to live. And as our city grows, so does its water needs. Since Riverside gets all of its water from local groundwater resources, we rely on storms to help replenish our water supplies each year. But by working together, we can take simple steps today to conserve water and ensure that Riverside's water supply will remain abundant for many years to come.

Start out by checking for, then fixing, leaks inside and outside. Toilet leaks alone can waste thousands of gallons of water each year. Washing only full loads of laundry and dishes will also help reduce your water use. And of

course, turn off the faucet or hose when shaving, brushing your teeth or washing the car.

Next, check out the valuable conservation programs that are offered by Riverside Public Utilities. These are designed to save you water, provide valuable rebates and help reduce water bills. They include:

- Earning up to \$155 back for a new Energy-Star rated high-efficiency clothes washer
- Getting up to \$95 back for installing a high-efficiency toilet
- Receiving rebate of up to \$3 per nozzle to install high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles
- A \$200 rebate for installing a weather-based irrigation controller
- Up to \$2,400 back for replacing lawn areas with water-wise landscaping
- Up to \$1,000 for replacing thirsty lawns with artificial turf

For more water conservation tips and information on all of RPU's available residential and commercial water efficiency rebate programs, visit BlueRiverside.com



Water Quality Report Coming Soon

Riverside Public Utilities' informative Water Quality Annual Report will show up in your mailbox soon. It features important information about the City's water system, water quality and the steps RPU takes every year in order to provide reliable, safe, high quality drinking water to the City of Riverside. If you want to view the report now from your smart phone, scan the code below, or go to BlueRiverside.com






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Free nozzles available for a limited time

There is still time for Riverside water customers to log on to FreeSprinklerNozzles.com to receive free Toro Precision Series Spray Nozzles.

Customers can simply go to the Web site, enter their water account information and follow the easy step by step instructions on how to receive a voucher good for 25 (residential) or 100 (commercial) free Toro Precision sprinkler nozzles.

These patented nozzles can reduce water use by 20% per sprinkler head, without adjusting sprinkler controllers or run times.

For complete program details visit FreeSprinklerNozzles.com

Community Events Calendar

MAY

14 **The Great American Cleanup: Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful**

Riverside City Hall
3900 Main Street
9 a.m. — noon
For more info call 683-7100

Old Riverside Foundation Vintage Home Tour

Various Homes throughout
Riverside
10 a.m.
For more info call 509-7682

Marcy Library Grand Opening

6927 Magnolia Avenue
10 a.m.
For more info call 826-2078

Opera Program Singing Auditions, Open Auditions

César Chávez Community Center
10:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
For more info call 250-2954

Stars of the Philharmonic

Fox Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

15 **USATF Masters 15K Walk**

Fairmount Park
8 a.m. — noon
For more info visit www.usatf.org

Guided Bird Walk

California Citrus
State Historic Park
8 a.m.
For more info call 780-6222

La Sierra Grand Prix

4204 Riverwalk Parkway
11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
For more info call 826-5265

Opera Program Singing Auditions, Open Auditions

César Chávez Community Center
2 — 3:30 p.m.
For more info call 250-2954

19 **Edgar Allan Poe: Lord Save My Poor Soul**

Landis Performing Arts Center
10 a.m.
For more info call 222-8372

20 **Burn the Floor**

Fox Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

21 **2nd Annual Backyard Bash & Taste of Riverside**

Orange Terrace Park
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
For more info call 328-8284

Burn the Floor

Fox Performing Arts Center
2 & 8 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

Opera Program Singing Auditions, Appointment Only Auditions

César Chávez Community Center
2 — 8 p.m.
For more info call 250-2954

22 **Burn the Floor**

Fox Performing Arts Center
1 & 6 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

Opera Program Singing Auditions, Appointment Only Auditions

César Chávez Community Center
2 — 8 p.m.
For more info call 250-2954

23 **Riverside Sings! 4th Annual Vocal Competition Auditions: ages 5-17**

César Chávez Community Center
5:30 — 9 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

24 **55+ Breakfast Club**

La Sierra Senior Center
9:30 — 10:30 a.m.
For more info call 351-6435

3rd Annual Small Business Resource Expo

Riverside Convention Center
4:30 — 7:30 p.m.
For more info call 683-7100

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César Chávez Community Center
5:30 — 9 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

25 **Riverside Sings! 4th Annual Vocal Competition Auditions: ages 18+**

César Chávez Community Center
5:30 — 9 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

Mayor's Night Out Ward 4, Casa Blanca Neighborhood

Ysmael Villegas
Community Center
6:45 p.m.
For more info call 826-5813

26 **Storytime**

Arlington Library
11:30 a.m.
For more info call 689-6612

Riverside Sings! 4th Annual Vocal Competition Auditions: ages 18+

César Chávez Community Center
5:30 — 9 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

28 **Chili Cook-off & Car/Cycle Show**

Arlington Village
9:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.
For more info call 509-1100

30 **West Coast Thunder XII Parade and Bike Run**

Skip Fordyce Harley-Davidson
6 — 9 a.m.
For more info call 785-0100

31 **Preschool Storytime**

Orange Terrace Library
11 a.m.
For more info call 571-0281

June

2 **Be Proactive and Take Control of your Future Success Seminar**

The Salvation Army
Riverside Corps
Community Center
3695 First Street
7:30 — 9:30 a.m.
For more info call 784-4490

3 **Country Rock Legends, POCO with Firefall & Pure Prairie League**

Fox Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

Nunsense

Landis Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

4 **Riverside 2011 Annual Neighborhood Conference**

Cal Baptist University
8432 Magnolia Avenue
7:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
For more info call 826-5195

Relay for Life Arlington Sports Complex

9 a.m.
For more info call 538-2322

11th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Bordwell Park/Stratton Community Center
noon — 6 p.m.
For more info call 752-1619

Nunsense

Landis Performing Arts Center
2 & 8 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

5 **History Lecture: "Movies Made at the Mission Inn"**

La Sierra University, Dining Commons
4500 Riverwalk Parkway
12:30 p.m.
For more info call 780-2313

First Sundays

Riverside Art Museum & Multiple locations along Main Street
1 — 4 p.m.
For more info call 684-7111
RiversideCa.gov/museum

Nunsense

Landis Performing Arts Center
2 p.m.
For more info call 222-8100

Raincross Choral

Calvary Presbyterian Church
4495 Magnolia Avenue
3 p.m.
For more info call 788-6207

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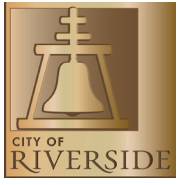
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8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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between Fifth and Sixth Streets

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June 4, 2011 — 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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**PRE-REGISTER BY
5/26/11**

Register online at: RiversideCa.gov/Neighborhoods
Conference Questions? neighbor@riversideca.gov or 826-5195



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